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BOOTH BOOK SALE

Booth Library will host its annual book sale Wednesday morning on the south side of the building near the Alumni Clocktower.

FIRST-PLACE PANTHERS

The Eastern volleyball team is currently leading the OVC standings with a record of 7-1 as conference play nears.

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Faculty Senate talks new technology

By Madelyn Kidd
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The Faculty Senate announced new computers and laptops along with bids to replace Booth Library's North steps at their meeting Tuesday.

The University purchased 400 computers and 185 laptops to replace multiple outdated and failing computers.

The 400 computers are for places across campus, including in labs and the library. The Vice President of Academic Affairs Jay Gatrell said, "At this point, the computer's are aging, that's what these 400 [computers] are for."

Eastern will be using federal COVID-19 campus resource money, to purchase 185 laptops, of which 175 will be primarily used for faculty and staff with old or broken computers.

"If you have a machine that's more than four-years-old, five years in some units, I feel pretty confident you're going to get access to a new computer," Gatrell said.

The reason the university purchased laptops instead of desktops is because with the COVID-19 funding they can only purchase items that could still be used if everything shuts down again.

In the meeting, Faculty Senate Chair Todd Bruns said, "There are bids to repair the Booth Library North steps. So that progress is finally beginning, which is great because those things are wearing out rapidly."

The Faculty Senate also made a list of goals for the academic year including rebuilding faculty resources and environment, planning to get more involved with each department and creating resources to help students and faculty's mental health.

When discussing students' mental health, Faculty Senate member Alicia Neal said, "It's bad. I think it's really bad. I know that Anne



BY ROB LE CATES | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Provost Jay Gatrell explains his report on the COVID-19 vaccination status among the student and faculty bodies, the student enrollment numbers and the purchase of new laptops and desktops for Eastern Illinois University at the Sept. 14 Faculty Senate meeting.

[Flaherty, vice president of student affairs] has some ideas about ways to help by having group therapy for students who might just need a little bit of support... As the students who need a little bit of support, they get some coping skills and then can flourish after that, but I have a lot of students that are constantly just feeling really really overwhelmed."

Also in the meeting was an update on vaccination rates on campus. 62 percent of stu-

dents are fully vaccinated and three percent have received the first dose.

"I'm confident there are a large number of students out there who are not reading their email," Gatrell said. "It is really critical that students pay attention to their email, read it daily, upload the vaccination cards and most importantly, if they aren't vaccinated for whatever reason, and I understand it's a complex subject, we have to test. It's critical that we test."

All unvaccinated students must get tested weekly and maintain social distancing.

Failure to comply will result in the following disciplinary action: week one the student will receive a written warning, week two the student will get a \$150 fine and disciplinary probation, week three will result in another \$150 fine and a registration hold and week four will cause an interim suspension until testing compliance and removal from housing.

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Latino Heritage Month to kick off Student Gov. meeting set for Wednesday

By Corryn Brock
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Latino Heritage Month will kick off Wednesday in the Library Quad from noon to 1:30 p.m. LHM begins on Sept. 15 each year and ends on Oct. 15.

The mid-month start to the celebration is because of the anniversaries of independence for many Latin American countries falls on or close to Sept. 15.

Admissions counselor and Latinx Coordinator Kenia Gonzalez said she hopes people take the anniversaries into account while celebrating LHM.

"The Latino Heritage Month is a celebration of all of the Latin countries, not just Mexico but also South American. In the month of September over many countries celebrate their Independence. To put it in perspective, it's like the Fourth of July for America, it's a big deal, a huge celebration. However, ten times more because it's multiple countries."

Kristin Routt, professor of Spanish, said there is value in recognizing Latinx culture for Latinx students and non-Latinx students.

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Members of Eastern's Latino community pose for a photo with the National Latino Heritage Month flag that was raised Sept. 1 in honor of LHM.

Staff Report | @DEN_news

Eastern's Student Senate will meet for the first time in the 2021-22 academic year Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Seventh Street Underground.

The audience participation will occur before reports are given.

The only business listed on the agenda is orientation.

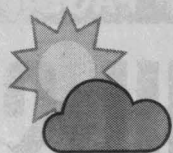
Reports will be given by Student Body President Jacqueline Williams, Interim Speaker of the Senate and Executive Vice President Payton Ade, Student Vice President of Academic Affairs Prabin Kariki and Student Vice President of Student Affairs Terrence Trimuel.

Student Government advisers Director of Student Life Ceci Brinker and graduate student studying communication Justin Richards will also give reports during the meeting.

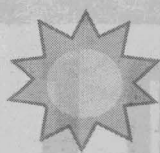
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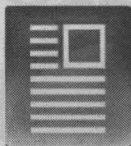


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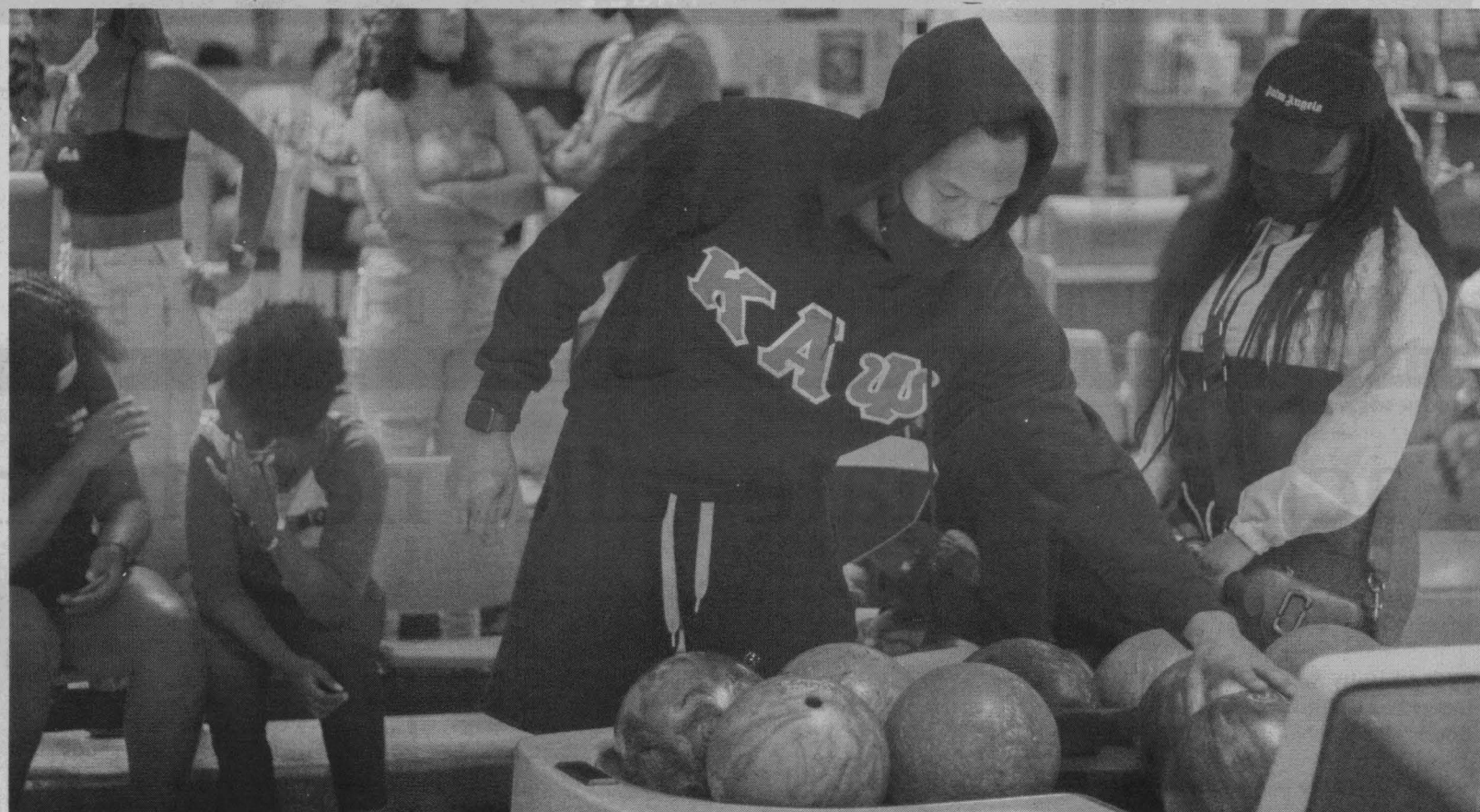
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Bowling with the Greeks



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Dro Ariza, Nation Pan-Hellenic Council graduate adviser, prepares to bowl with NPHC members. The event was a part of the NPHC Week at Eastern on Sept. 14.

Book sale set for Wednesday » LHM

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By Ethan Schobernd
Campus Reporter | @DEN_news

Booth Library is running a book sale in the courtyard around the clock tower from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Janice Derr, head of acquisition services, is the main coordinator of the event. All the proceeds from the event will be going towards the library's gift account, which is used to support library programs and services.

The gift account has funded multiple things, such as virtual reality equipment for the Center for Student Innovation, supplies for the school's 3D printers, and funds for the Awards for Excellence for Student Research.

Most of the books are provided through local donations, but some of the books have been selected out of the library's collection as well.

Derr expects to see around 200 people over the course of the day.

The library has conducted book sales in the past and typically has two book sale events each year, one in September, and one in April.

"We haven't had a sale since 2019 though, so we are really excited," said Derr.

Regarding COVID-19 guidelines, Derr said the sale is not affected because it is usually held outdoors; however, they will still be observing social distancing guidelines.

Derr said that everything at the sale



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A student looks through books during Booth Library's Fall Book sale in 2019.

will be \$2 or less, and that they will be accepting cash, card or checks as payment.

"We will have thousands of books, fiction and non-fiction in pretty much every subject, DVDs and some records," said Derr. "We really enjoy putting on this event because it is a great opportunity for library staff to interact with the EIU and local community. It takes a lot of work to put together an

event of this size. Besides library staff, we have student volunteers who signed up for our event through the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism. We are also grateful to have the Women's Soccer team and members from the Track and Field team helping us with set up and tear down."

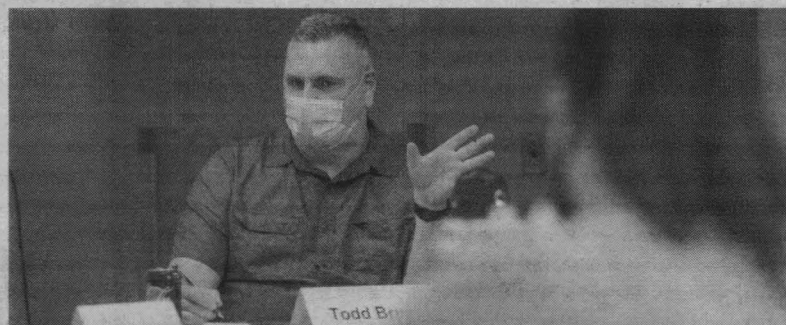
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"So we've been testing, it started last week, and there's per the materials that was published on the COVID site," Gatrell said. "Progressive discipline started this week, so I want to make sure everybody is safe. I want to make sure we don't have to send out lots and lots of emails, so I encourage all students to verify your vaccination as soon as you can."

Seventy-six percent of employees are fully vaccinated and one percent have received the first dose. All unvaccinated employees must get tested weekly and maintain social distancing.

Disciplinary actions against non-complying employees include the



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Faculty Senate Chair Todd Bruns explains an idea to fellow senate members at the Sept. 15 meeting.

first week getting a verbal reprimand, second week getting a written reprimand, third week being suspended for one day, fourth week getting suspended for two days and fifth week the supervisor recommends discharge of the employee to the director of hu-

man relations.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be held Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. located in Booth Library in room 4440.

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"Latinx students benefit from seeing their cultures and backgrounds celebrated. Eastern as an institution needs to tell Latinx students that the broader campus community 'sees' them and values them. The broader campus community also benefits from participating in something beyond their familiar experience. That is why we go to college—to understand our place in the world beyond what we grew up in."

Seven events and one conference are planned for the monthlong celebration.

The next event planned for LHM will be held on Sept. 17 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. A field day will take place at the campus pond, during which multiple Latino organizations will be bringing games for attendees to take part in.

For those who cannot attend the kick-off or other LHM events, Gonzalez recommends taking time to self-educate.

"One way to honor LHM is learning, doing your own research and engaging in conversation. Being open to learn about Latino Heritage and what makes each country unique."

Gonzalez said she feels it is important to celebrate her heritage and culture, but also it is also important to "bring awareness and share the meaning of Latino Heritage."

Routt said as an individual who identifies as non-Latinx, she also recommends self-education.

"I encourage people to get more informed about Latinx and Latin American immigrant communities in our country. Read about how U.S. foreign policy has contributed to push Latin Americans out of their countries and into the U.S. Explore the diversity of Latinx cultures in the U.S.—the Washington Heights of Lin Manuel Miranda, for example, is different from the Villita and Pilsen of Chicago, though they are equally fabulous! Also, remember that Latinx people are 'Americans' who belong here, not foreigners. Correct yourself when you catch yourself associating speaking Spanish or just being brown or indigenous with non-citizenship. Spend time cultivating a relationship with someone from another background to increase your comfort level with difference. That is the best way for someone like me to spend Latino Heritage Month...but please do come to our events!"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I love when Brother Jed comes to campus

I love Brother Jed day. This isn't to say that I love Brother Jed himself, or the repugnant and hateful ideology that he and his wife semiannually spew on the library quad, but Brother Jed day? Absolutely one of my favorites.

My first memories of the Smocks came from the Snapchat stories of friends I had at UIUC back in 2016, when I was a college freshman in community college. I remember seeing this old man dressed up like a B-list Disney villain, shouting slurs and regressive nonsense at a crowd of laughing, mocking students. I was mesmerized— not by Jed, but by the crowd itself. When I came to Eastern as a transfer student in 2018, my admiration only grew.

So much of our campus community moves through the world entirely depoliticized, completely unaware of the world outside of themselves; an incredibly privileged and costly perspective to inhabit. After all, there's a reason its taken the better part of a decade for the Douglas Hall name change movement to gain any traction. But on Brother Jed day, things are different.

When the Smocks come to "preach" on campus, it is one of few times when almost all of EIU comes together to mock and condemn the kind of hatred and backwards thinking they espouse. Not with smug Instagram infographics or change.org petitions, but with actual putting-your-body-on-the-line activism and protest. It's a stirring reminder that when we stand together, we can make a difference and drown out bigotry and fear.

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Quote of the Day:

"When you don't face the consequences, there are consequences for that, too."

Frank Sonnenberg

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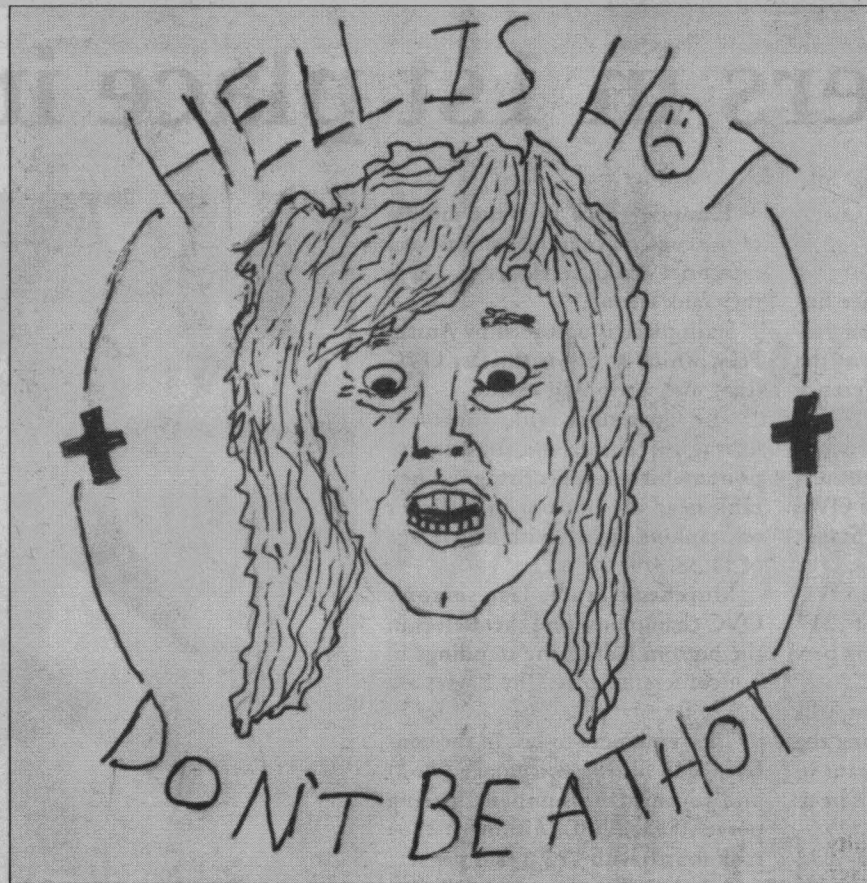
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BY NICK PAUL

We can change our perception of time

In recent years, I find myself saying phrases such as, "Boy time sure has flown by," or, "I can't believe it's been a month already."

Not only do I catch myself saying it, but I notice other people say similar expressions as well. This begs the question, is time speeding up, or is it just our own perception of time that has caused it to feel much faster? If I were a professional, I might be able to explain the concept of time and how it could be speeding up, but I will leave that for the professionals to point out.

Frankly, I think our psychological perception of time has changed as we have matured. As we age, our definitions of time and life are constantly changing and can take on different meanings. I don't remember saying very many phrases concerning time when I was a child.

But as we get older, we see our elder counterparts become crippled and feeble with their accumulating age and we tend to hear similar phrases from our elders such as, "Life's short kids, enjoy it while it lasts," which has both positive and negative connotations.

For the optimist, it can be perceived as enjoying every moment of your life every



Ethan Schobernd

day. On the contrary, a pessimist may interpret the elder's message as life not lasting long and time is fleeting.

Of course, when every day of the week is completely booked with classes, work, activities, etc. it can be hard to slow down and breathe.

One week, people are prepping for their very first week of classes at school. Suddenly, graduation day has arrived. This is my way of saying we can change our perception of time depending on our overall outlook on life.

Try to avoid looking at the big picture too often. It is good to look ahead, but sometimes our conception of the future be-

comes glum and morose if we peer into the future for too long.

I often catch myself doing this and I become so enthralled with time, that it becomes a sour subject. Sometimes, it helps for me to be more attuned to the present instead.

I write in my daily planner every Sunday so I can plan my week by the hour, but I tend to avoid planning months ahead unless it is necessary. If I look too far ahead, I start to think, "Oh my gosh, it's almost October, that's insane!"

Living by a daily or weekly basis keeps me outside of the negative headspace that attempts to corrupt my perception of time. It can be far more beneficial for people to minimize the subject of time, as if it were a small part of our lives that only dictates when or where we need to do something, rather than it being a concept that completely rules our lives.

An elementary change to a more positive, smaller outlook on time can improve our perceptions and change our outlook on life.

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You wouldn't reward a dog's bad behavior

Dog trainers explain that when your pet is acting out of control, the best way to get them to behave is to simply ignore them. At first he'll run around the house barking and jumping all over you. He will cry and wince for hours just for a bite of your dinner. He wants your attention, and if you let them have it, he'll misbehave however he wants in order to get it.

Eventually though, as you ignore his misbehavior, he'll learn how to act according to your standards. Only then, dog trainers say, should you give your attention to the dog.

This week, as they do every year, two Evangelical preachers appeared on EIU's campus. Making outrageous claims that, for example, engagement in drugs or pre-marital sex will send them to hell or that "a women's mouth is usually open. Yap. Yap. Yap," Brother Jed and Sister Cindy amass large gatherings of students.

Of course what they're preaching is wrong. And of course it is offensive and derogatory; that is the point. But what we do not consider is whether we are falling for their theatrics. They want large groups of offended and amused students to surround them.

They come for us. And we keep them coming. Just how you would ignore your dog if he misbehaves, we ought to do the same with Brother Jed



Ian Palacios

and Sister Cindy. And though it might be fun to stand around mocking them or hearing their absurdities, we are the reason they are here. And that must change.

Many students become emotionally distraught at the words of the preachers. Consider a fellow student from last year who, on her way to Doudna, heard the faint shouts of Brother Jed. At first confused, she began to listen. She walked up and immediately became singled out, hearing accusations that she's a "whore" and a "fake Christian." She was going to hell and so was her girlfriend. Immediately she went home and cried, missing class in the process.

The homophobia, racism, and sexism being

preached will inevitably hurt many students, even some who didn't want to engage with them in the first place. So, why do they have everyone's attention again?

If Brother Jed asked to speak at your local coffee shop, would you let him? No. No one would.

So why would you give him a platform anywhere else? By listening to them, you are implicitly supporting their views. You are giving them a reason to speak, and you are attracting more students who want to see what everyone is looking at. We need to deplatform their oppressive and discriminatory ideology.

And we aren't making any progress by "debating" with them either. They won't change their views, and I doubt anyone will have gotten a meaningful discussion out of them.

So weigh the consequences: should we waste our time, risk emotionally traumatizing students, support an oppressive ideology, all with no gains in the end just so we can have a quick laugh? Do we have a duty to ignore?

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Panthers in 1st place in OVC standings

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After back-to-back last place finishes in the OVC, the Eastern volleyball team finds itself right at the top of the standings as conference play nears.

With a record of 7-1 in nonconference competition, the Panthers moved into first place in the OVC Wednesday with Tennessee State's loss to Evansville.

Eastern ranks third in the OVC with a hitting percentage of .217 and fourth in opponent hitting percentage of .180.

The Panthers rank sixth in kills per set (12.23) but are allowing the fewest kills per set of any team in the OVC (10.74). They have been the top serving team in the OVC, leading the conference with 2.32 services per set and 72 total aces, 16 more than the next-closest team.

Eastern has been blocked less frequently than any other OVC team, just 1.18 times per set.

Tennessee State is now in second place with a record of 5-1. The Tigers still lead the conference in hitting percentage (.258) and rank second in kills per set (14.65). They also lead the OVC in blocks per set, averaging 2.53.

Southeast Missouri is in third place with its 6-3 record. The Redhawks rank third in the OVC with 12.82 kills per set. They have also performed well defensively.

Southeast Missouri leads the conference with 18.92 kills per set and their opponent hitting percentage of .146 ranks second.

Murray State and Tennessee Tech are both 5-3 on the season. Murray State has played well on the attack, with its hitting percentage of .231 ranking second in the OVC and kills per set 15.29 leading the conference.

Tennessee Tech is in the middle of the conference in many statistical categories except service aces, where they rank second.

Sixth place is occupied by Austin Peay, which at 5-4 is the last OVC team with a winning record.

The Governors ranks fourth in hitting percentage and third in opponent hitting percentage. They rank near the bottom in kills per set, ranking eighth with an average of 11.38.

Morehead State, last season's OVC champions, find themselves in the bottom half of the standings in nonconference play. The Eagles are 3-5 so far.

They rank next-to-last in the conference in hitting percentage (.162) and seventh in opponent hitting percentage (.200), although they rank fourth with 12.76 kills per set.

Belmont finds itself in eighth place with a 2-5 record. The Bruins have dropped five matches in a row after a 2-0 start to the season.

They rank fifth in the conference in hitting percentage (.198) and fourth in digs per set (15.48)

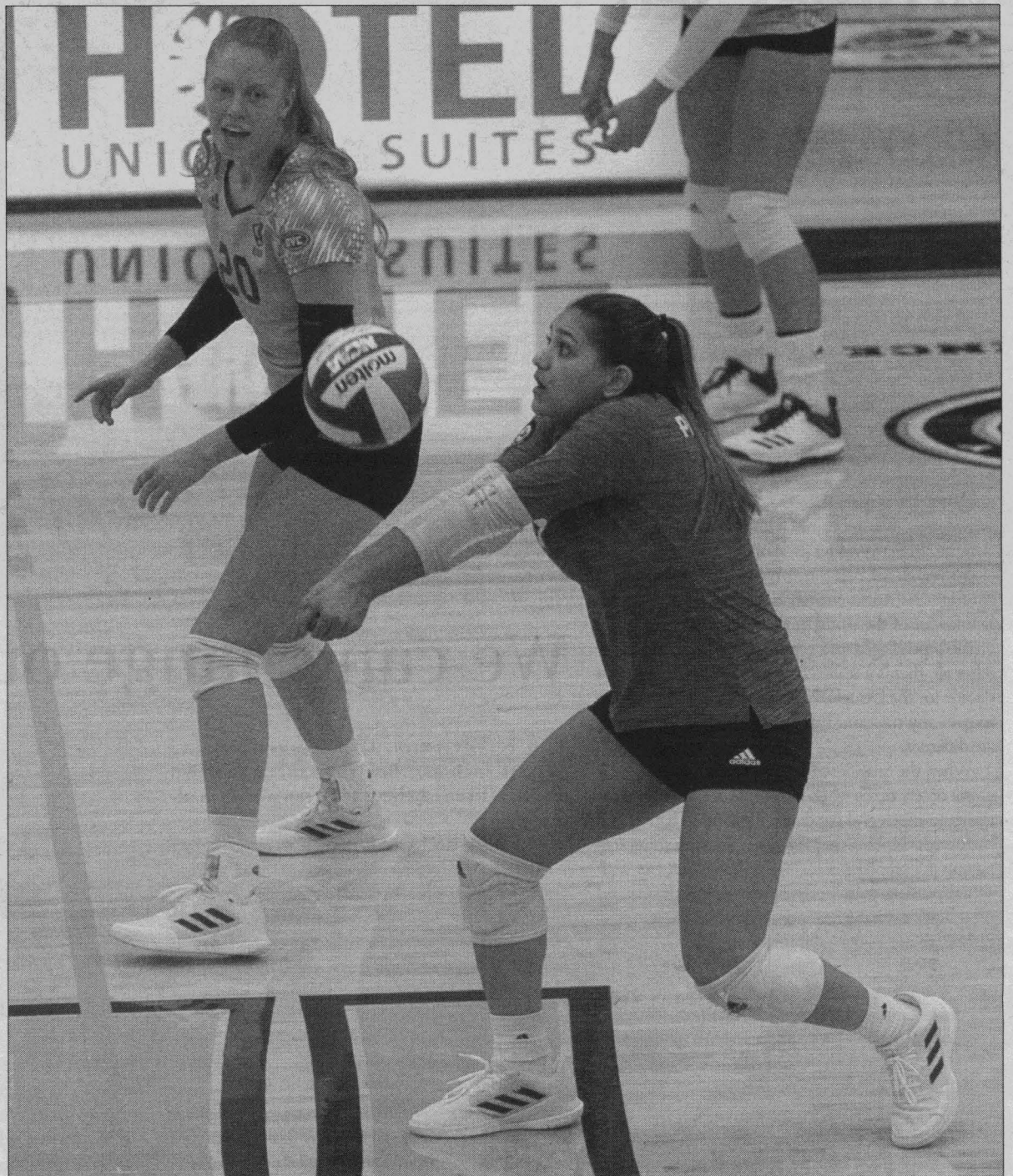
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Tennessee-Martin occupy the last two spots in the standings.

The Cougars are 2-7 and are the only team in the conference averaging single digit kills per set (9.85). They are also last in the conference in digs per set and assists per set.

Tennessee-Martin has a record of 1-8 and is last in the OVC in hitting percentage (.123) and are allowing their opponents to hit a whopping .315 so far this season. They are also allowing 16.20 kills per set.

Conference play is scheduled to get underway next week, with Tennessee State and Belmont playing Sept. 21.

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Eastern libero Christina Martinez Mundo receives a serve in a match against Northern Illinois on Sept. 2 in Lantz Arena. Mundo had 26 digs in the match, which Eastern won 3-1.

Men's soccer team 1 of 3 winless Summit League teams

By Adam Tumino
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The Eastern men's soccer team is one of three Summit League teams still searching for their first wins this season.

The Panthers are 0-4 to open the season. Western Illinois is 0-5 and St. Thomas is 0-6.

Among the Summit League teams, St. Thomas has allowed the most goals (13) while Western Illinois is the only team that has not yet scored a goal.

Leading the standings is Oral Roberts at 5-1. They are one of just two teams in the conference with a record over .500.

The Golden Eagles are leading the conference in goals with 9 and have allowed 5 goals, the second fewest in the Summit League.

Only three players have scored multiple goals this season, and two of them are on Oral Roberts. Dante Brigida leads the conference with 4 goals and Reed Berry is tied for second with 2 goals.

Goalkeeper Miles Motakef is second in the conference with a save percentage of .762 and leads the conference with three shutouts this season.

Denver is the only other team over .500 with a 3-1-1 record so far this season.



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Eastern midfielder Chad Hamler (13) races two defenders to the ball in Eastern's match against Purdue Fort Wayne on Sept. 3 at Lakeside Field. Eastern lost the match 1-0.

The Pioneers have scored 5 goals and allowed 5 goals this season. Stefan DeLeone and Aidan O'Toole are tied for fifth in the Summit League with 9 shots so far this season while Lukas Fisher is tied for the conference lead with 2 assists.

Kansas City and Omaha both have

records of 1-3-1 this season.

Omaha has allowed the fewest goals in the conference (4), but have only scored twice on offense, leading to their losing record.

Jeremy Pollard has played a majority of the time in goal for Omaha and is leading the conference with a

.875 save percentage while Hugo Kametani is tied for second in the conference with 6 shots on goal.

Kansas City has been doubled up by its opponents, allowing 10 goals while scoring 5.

The Roos' defense has kept goalkeeper Cooper Clark busy. He has

faced 14 more shots than any other Summit League goalie and thus leads the conference with 25 saves. His save percentage is solid, ranking fourth at .714, but his 10 goals allowed still lead the conference.

Eastern has the most favorable scoring margin of the three winless teams at -1.75 goals per game. The Panthers have scored twice this season, once each in their last two matches, and have allowed 9 goals.

They held their first lead of the season in their most recent match against Bellarmine, but a pair of late goals from the Knights handed Eastern its fourth-straight loss to open the season.

Western Illinois has allowed 9 goals as well, but the Leathernecks have yet to score. The lack of scoring is despite the fact that Western Illinois has 54 shots, the third-most in the Summit League.

St. Thomas is struggling in its first season as a Division I program. The Tommies have allowed 13 goals, 3 more than any other team, while scoring just 2.

All the Summit League teams have limited nonconference matches left on the schedule with conference play beginning on Sept. 25.

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